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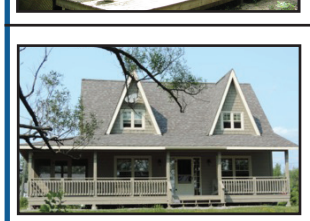

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# A journey of self awareness

**DARREN LUM**
*County Life* Staff

Aaron Neilson-Belmen has an open heart, learned from embracing the open road.

He spoke to *County Life*'s sister paper, the *Haliburton Echo*, last year while visiting his family's Drag Lake cottage about an epic road trip taken with his 1979 Volkswagen T2 Transporter van with the Alex Currie mural (of Toronto Lee's Palace fame).

The 20-something Toronto resident road-tripper began his pan-American journey more than four years and some 40,000 kilometres ago. It was rooted in loss and love; cancer took his cousin Erin Belman and his good friend Jim Sissakis. He carried them in his heart, dedicating the journey to their memories. He returned with not just a new perspective, but a new love interest, whom he met in Mexico. During the trip he earned money, selling postcards showing places he went and he also worked online.

His trip is awe-inspiring.

The route (interspersed with trips back by plane) started in Toronto, moving through the U.S., across to the West Coast, south to Nevada for the Burning Man Festival with his mom and south again down to California solo. From there he drove into South America, making stops in communities in Mexico, Costa Rica, Panama, Colombia, Ecuador, Peru, Bolivia, Chile, then north into Paraguay before heading back to Canada.

Aaron Neilson-Belman sits on top of his 1979 Volkswagen T2 Transporter van while in Guatape, Colombia. Neilson-Belman covered close to 40,000 kilometres in his classic van, travelling from Canada through the States, stopping at the Burning Man Festival with his mom and into South America and then back home to Toronto. /Submitted by Aaron Neilson-Belman

Neilson-Belman recounted the highlights and low points of an unforgettable experience during an interview in Haliburton at a local eatery overlooking Head Lake.

Among the YouTube videos he's posted, there is one that stands out for its amazing footage and harrowing views. High up in a Peruvian mountain pass, he's driving on narrow roads with a mountain on one side and a sheer cliff on the other, occasionally sharing the small space with transport trucks. At one point, he even drives through a rushing river.

When asked how he managed what should have been a stressful situation, he said there is a conditioning that occurs when you spend as much time as he had in a vehicle.

"When you put so many hours behind the wheel of a vehicle you have an extra sense of space of everything," he said.

Among the amazing things he did was attending Burning Man festival with his mother during the first part of the trip. Burning Man is an annual event that draws tens of thousands to Nevada's Black Rock Desert to create Black Rock City, a place where people come together for art, self-reliance and self-expression.

Neilson-Belman said he shares an adventurous spirit and stubbornness with his mother, which has sometimes been the cause of contention. It's a stark contrast to the "buddy-buddy" relationship he has with his dad, he said.

And even though she can be the "voice of reason," he said, she isn't afraid of risk or being vulnerable. Getting to see his mother for many days in a row, experiencing life in the desert was something he won't forget and provided a new perspective on the woman his mother always was.

After Burning Man, he and his mother parted ways.

On the drive to Mexico, he noticed his van's engine was leaking oil.

As a preventative measure, he searched for someone to help him with rebuilding the engine before heading into Mexico. His search led to a unique experience in November of 2013.

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# Van takes man through Americas

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Through an online forum for Volkswagen, he connected with a mechanic who worked out of his southern California home who specialized in classic Volkswagens. The man agreed to rebuild Neilson-Belmen's engine and even allowed the Canadian to learn about the process and stay the entire two weeks necessary for the job.

His travels also gave him spectacular views, like the shimmering constellations in the Peruvian sky.

One night, after driving for about a dozen hours through Peru with a driving companion, they stopped on the top of a mountain to look up at the pitch-black sky. It was stunning.

"I was completely beat. So tired. OK, we're just going to have to pull off and camp on the side of the road because I can't go anymore and it's not safe. There weren't any street lights. [I] turned off the car and got outside. The sky was just a blanket of stars. Completely crisp and clear," he said. "It was one of the best views."

There was also great food.

In Peru, he ate *pachamanca* – translated in English as earth pot – a slow-cooked, seasoned meat (chicken, pork, lamb or beef) dish with vegetables. Stones are heated over a fire, then meat is placed on top. The fire is covered with earth and grass or a tarp (in Neilson-Belmen's case), making an oven. After about a couple of hours, the food is then taken out.

Despite the long drive, his van held up well. Other than a cross-threaded spark plug, it didn't have a major mechanical issue, he said.

"It did really well. People have such a trouble believing a 35- or 40-year-old car" could perform so well, he said.

Before returning home to Canada there was a transition from the nomadic life of a road warrior.

Neilson-Belman isn't the type to sit idle and towards the end of the epic trip while in Brazil he started to think of an entrepreneurial effort, which was to create a platform or an application to guide travellers.

The idea was to help other adventure-seekers have great experiences by "crowd sourcing self-guided tours."

"So, anyone can create and share their own self-guided tours that they make using our platform," he said.

His work didn't start in earnest until August, 2015.

Aaron Neilson-Belman will always remember the good in people after completing an epic close to 40,000 kilometre road trip. He gave his own time, volunteering with at risk youth in Santa Marta, Colombia.

Highlands cottager Aaron Neilson-Belman is a young man with a mature outlook on life as a result of an epic road trip that covered close to 40,000 kilometres (non-continuous, but close). He not only found himself, but had his faith in humanity restored./DARREN LUM Staff

The return to a conventional life helped with his transition. It was new and exciting.

"A lot of the places I went I didn't want to do the tourist attractions and a lot of times the guide books themselves that's usually what they have: the main attractions," he said. "I've always been interested in street art, for instance. Finding out about local street art can be challenging, so I thought: wouldn't it be great if there was a way that people could create their own [self-guided] art tours that aren't tourist attractions, but ... want to connect with those kind of things. That was the inspiration."

This helps travellers save money, avoiding the high entrance fees associated with common attractions.

In his experience with meeting or staying with locals, he was often given an opportunity to see things only locals know about.

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Aaron Neilson-Belmen looks out from his driver-side window for a picture under a fallen tree in Peru. Although he was robbed a couple of times during his trip he remains positive about humanity. /Submitted by Aaron Neilson-Belmen

# Trip was positive experience

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"You get a more of a grassroots, genuine experience. You get access to local knowledge and information that isn't very publicized or in the mainstream," he said.

The trip reinforced his belief that people, for the most part, are good.

"There are way more open and accepting great people out there than the mainstream media or movies or stuff might have you believe. There's always this stranger-danger kind of message being pushed," he said. "There were countless times I'd meet people and they would invite me to stay at their home. Not even through couch surfing, but wherever I was on the street. The Volkswagen community is really strong throughout. The whole trip, everywhere I went, I ended up just somehow connecting with different Volkswagen clubs and communities on the way and everyone just wants to hear your story and share stories."

He has many anecdotes of people helping him and even inviting him to their homes to eat.

Although he was robbed in Brazil and Colombia, it didn't sour his experience. It wasn't all good, but the overwhelming positive feeling he was left with outweighs the negative.

"There are bad apples. You have to use your instincts to try and avoid bad situations [to not put] yourself in that situation. At the end of the day, stuff can happen. It's just important to remember you shouldn't generalize: Oh, I got robbed once in Colombia. Colombia is a dangerous place. I've been robbed in Toronto before. It can happen anywhere. Faith in humanity restored," he said.

While on the trip, he also met his girlfriend, who is from Mexico. The connection came about because he was able to open up and be vulnerable after being single for seven years.

Anyone can go on an epic trip like his.

Epic trips, short trips and everything in between. They all start with one step, he said.

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Quiet after the storm. /JENN WATT Staff

## Bluegrass festivals

STEVE GALEA
Humour Columnist

I SEE THAT we've got a bluegrass festival coming to town. I never really approved of this until someone explained to me that it wasn't something that Smurfs smoked. But now that I understand it's about music, I'm definitely thinking that this is a good idea.

It's such a good idea, in fact, that I came up with a few other grass related festival ideas that we might want to consider.

1. The Tall Grass Festival: This one is near and dear to my heart. My idea would be to have a festival, say four to six months in duration, where we celebrate letting grass grow by not using a lawn mower or weed eater.

2. The Mow Grass Festival: In this festival, I envision calling upon lawn mower manufacturers the world over to bring all their products to Haliburton County and demonstrating them once a week on selected lawns (mine would be one) while others look on in amazement at what a great job they do. Again, I feel that it should last four months minimum.

3. The Foie de Grass Festival: In this festival, we will hide a duck or goose liver in the grass. We will think of a reason later.

4. The Short Grass Festival: This festival will celebrate a random act of kindness that happens when my front lawn gets mowed by a complete stranger.

5. The No Grass Festival: This festival will celebrate concrete yards.

6. The Snow Grass Festival: This one should happen in late January when participants celebrate having their grass covered in a few inches of snow while their lawn mowers look on.

7. The Medicinal Grass Festival: This is where we convince people that cutting grass is good for your health.

8. The Sass Grass Festival: This is a great idea for a festival that will allow us to feel better about ourselves. Basically, you walk around town complaining to others about their lawn and all the weeds growing on them.

9. The Yellow Grass Festival: Where dandelions are king!

10. The Moo Grass Festival: This is where we suspend municipal by-laws for a day or two and let cows feed upon our front lawns.

letters to the editor

## Nothing symbolic about a tent

**To the Editor,**

*Re:"Project explores the symbolic meaning of the Tent," County Life, July 13*

"The symbolic meaning of a tent." The art world, including art historians, with degrees under their arms have an insatiable and necessary drive to derive and apply symbolic meanings to works of art. George Farrell has bought into this hook, line and sinker.

Were someone to ask me the "symbolic meaning of a tent," I would deny that there is anything symbolic about it at all. The tent is to keep rain, hail, maybe snow off the person within the tent. It's to keep them more comfortable than they would be without it. That's it. No symbolism, just reality.

George wraps up by saying "The Tent Project" has "statements of sociological import at the overriding flavour; it's seasoned with relevance." If it were a display of various tents for me to choose for my next outdoors trip, there would be relevance. This doesn't sound like relevance to me; it sounds like hooey.

Look at pictures with your own eyes: do you like it, do you not like it. That's all that matters.

**Jack Bush**
**Haliburton**

## #WIP: Work in Progress

LAURIE JONES
Special to *County Life*

#WIP #shoplocal, #myhaliburtonhighlands, #comewander, #haliburtonartandcraft are all examples of hashtags I use on a daily basis to promote our public art gallery and events at Rails End Gallery and Arts Centre.

My favourite is #WIP, meaning work in progress.

I found it online by googling "best hashtags for artists." We've adopted it as the name for Rails End artist happenings that take place every Tuesday afternoon during the Haliburton Farmers' Market.

#WIP at Rails End is where you can experience craft and art making by watching someone else work.

It's an invitation, a conversation starter, maybe the thing you need to start your own artwork or an introduction to buying directly from the maker.

So far we've watched succulent container planting, weaving with deadfall and wool, spinning hand-dyed wool and jump-ring jewelry craft.

Here's what is coming up: wheel throwing with clay, acrylic painting on canvas, creative needlework, plein air oil painting, drumming and more. On Friday, Haliburton Art and Craft Festival will transform Head Lake Park into an ocean of talent, inspiration and technical skill when 125 makers come to town from across the province, with a few from Quebec and New Brunswick too.

In today's high tech world it's nice to see a craftsperson enjoying success and profiting from the fruits of their labour. I hope you will come and shop!

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Sir Sandford Fleming College is celebrating 50 years in 2017 also part of that movement. This week a spanking new "makerspace" opens at Haliburton School of Art and design, a campus of Fleming College. The Centre for Making is a resource aimed at broadening our understanding of how things are made and how to make objects using all kinds of tools. This modern-day tool crib is open to the anyone with a hankering to make something new using a range of low to high tech equipment (there's even a 3D printer!). I think this is an excellent way for creativity to be applied to innovate and work out solutions hands-on. Art and Design at work! I think the key word in hashtag work in progress (#WIP) is "work." #WIP is a signal something is happening.

Change, progress, creation, innovation, decoration, learning. Every artist or artisan will tell you their success is a result of hard work. Day in and day out.

Knowledge and skill developed over years is the foundation of an artist's career. But, that success is also the result of play – because play is the heartbeat of creativity – the thing that tells us to fool around with colour, mix things up a bit, turn the problem upside down.

And when work and play are one and the same you have a magical combination.

"There's no fun like work." My dad taught me that phrase, and I feel lucky to know what that means.

*Laurie Jones is the curator at Rails End Gallery and Arts Centre.*

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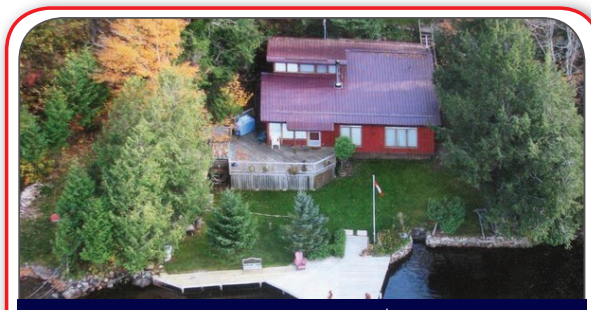

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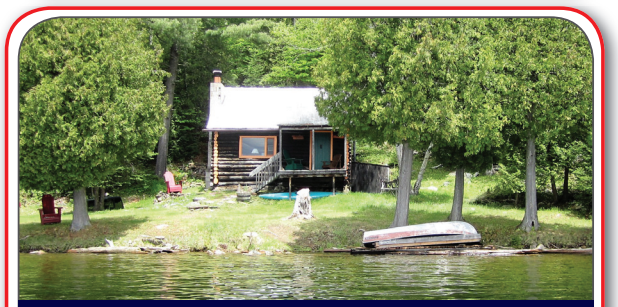

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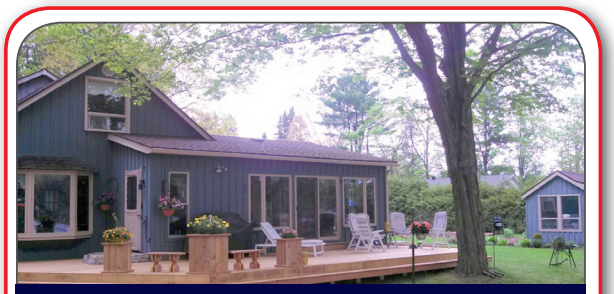

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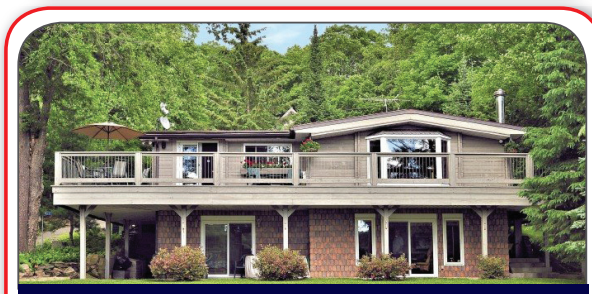

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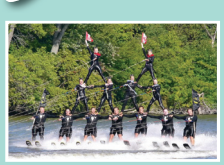

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# Troy Optical sets sights on Minden

**SUE TIFFIN**

*County Life* Staff

After years of talking about opening his own optical store, when it all came together for Troy English, it happened quickly.

English, a Canning Lake resident, opened the doors of Troy Optical on Hwy 35 in Minden on Canada Day, after some sleepless nights pulling it all together with help from family and friends.

"This went from a handshake to being open in one month," he said.

A licensed optician since 1995, Troy is experienced both in optical stores, and in sales of lens products. He has worked previously in stores in Ajax, London and Bowmanville. But the more he learned from others helping them in managing stores, the more he wanted to open his own space.

"Troy Optical was something I always talked about," he said. "I would say, 'If the store was mine, this is what I would do.'"

The opportunity for his own store came to fruition when he saw the new space of Troy Optical, which he said is a perfect spot – and he would know, because he's been keeping an eye on the Minden area for years. He began visiting the county as a child when he and his family would camp in Haliburton Forest. He bought his place on Canning Lake in 2008.

"Every year I've been up here, I've wondered why there isn't [an optical store] up here," he said. "I watch the community and they're thinking forward. They've got the new ambulance base, the new beer store, the fire hall is on the way. While people are thinking forward, there's still nothing eyewear-related here."

English has made sure that now there is a Minden-based, full-service optical where he hopes to provide everything anyone – resident or cottager – might need.

"You can't be everything to everybody, and I know that, but I want to try," he said. "That's not an easy balance to find, but I want to try to find that. I want to look after everyone."

Troy Optical offers lens edging and frame sales, including kid frames and sunglasses. He's happy to do repairs on site and is currently compiling a list of customers who have already approached him looking for eye exams, a service he hopes to offer soon with the help of a travelling optometrist. Though he's still adding personal touches to the store, it's fully stocked with a wide variety of frames.

> *"I want people to have some fun with their glasses, rather than just, 'I can see better today.'"*
>
> — Troy English

"I want people to have some fun with their glasses, rather than just, 'I can see better today,'" he said. "I don't want people to leave with crutches on their face. I want them to leave with fashion on their face."

English has a lot in common with people who enjoy the area's opportunities for recreation. Having grown up on a farm in Sunderland, he enjoys being outdoors and is an avid fan of four-wheeling and snowmobiling.

"People will be asking, 'where is this guy coming from?' But I am a grassroots guy," he said.

"Don't let the haircut fool you," he added, laughing.

English said he's excited to be in business, and to work and be involved in a community he's long been part of as a cottager and seasonal resident. He added that being 10 minutes from town makes it easy for him to drop everything on the dock and be available for anyone in need of quick service.

A grand opening event for the store is planned for the August long weekend, but Troy Optical is open now, seven days a week from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m at 12621 Hwy 35, next to Subway. English can be reached at eyewear@troyoptical.com, 705-286-0727 and welcomes drop-ins.

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# Remembrance in spotlight

**DARREN LUM**
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The Highlands Summer Festival is bringing an award-winning show that has wowed audiences and critics alike.

*Jake's Gift* is about a Second World War veteran who returns to Normandy, France for the 60th anniversary of D-Day to find his brother's grave. While there, he is befriended by Isabelle, a young French girl who lives in a town that he helped to liberate. She helps him deal with the loss of his brother and encourages him to deal with "unresolved ghosts."

The 65-minute one-woman show was conceived, written and performed by Julia Mackey, born in Britain and raised in Montreal.

The themes presented by the play are universal, she said.

"It's about loss. It's about remembrance," she said.

With many veterans dying, she believes it is her job to use this play to tell this story to recognize the efforts and sacrifices of the men and women who have served while they are alive and long after they have gone.

This show came from a trip by Mackey, who visited Normandy, France for the 60th anniversary of D Day. She visited various locations such as the Bény-sur-Mer Canadian War Cemetery where thousands of grave markers stand for the Canadians who died. Some barely 21. She has met dozens of British, Canadian and American veterans and said Jake is the amalgamation of several veterans she met on the trip.

This play is for all of them.

"Either in conversations I had with them or conversations I overheard, it was a real concern for them and a desire for the youth of Canada and of France to understand the sacrifices that have been made," she said.

The impetus to go overseas is rooted in her interest in Remembrance Day, which started as a child in Montreal while attending all-day school events spent in the gymnasium dedicated to honouring men and women who have served for their country.

When she was in Grade 7, she and her father watched a documentary on the Second World War, which focused on D-Day and the holocaust. It deeply affected her.

She said it started her lifelong passion on remembrance. It made her truly realize what Remembrance Day and the horror of war is about. It also made her appreciate the sacrifice of war. It stayed with her, inspiring her to write a poem about war and then led to this play to act as a "thank you to veterans and to soldiers that never came home."

She is proud about being able to follow through with this desire even if it took her 25 years to do it.

After a 10-year run for *Jake's Gift*, Mackey has grown as an artist and a person from her own life and from interactions with veterans, which has enriched her story-telling and brought greater understanding for her characters. She believes her four characters, as strange as it sounds, she said, have developed and learned to listen better. Also, a few scenes have expanded.

Although the July 25 show is sold out, there are still tickets for the July 23 and 24 shows. See the website www.highlandssummerfestival.on.ca for more information about the play and for tickets, or call 1-855-457-9933.

Performer Julia Mackey (portraying young girl Isabelle) is bringing her award-winning drama *Jake's Gift*, which is a story about a Second World War veteran returning to Normandy for the 60th anniversary of D-Day, to the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion in Haliburton this summer.

Mackey said the audience often has a wide range of ages represented and recommends this play is suitable for people from 10 and up. Many of them are related to veterans.

"A lot of the people that come to the show are the children and the grandchildren of veterans and so the legacy of that is very strong. I think their commitment to hold up the legacy of their particular family member's story is strong," she said.

The greatest satisfaction she and partner Dirk Van Stralen, who is also the director, receive while doing the show is hearing about the reactions from the audience, who are taken on an "emotional roller-coaster," she said.

"The greatest compliment we ever got: people tell us that they feel like they were there on Juno Beach. They feel like they were there with us in France [in Bény-sur-Mer for the 60th]," she said.

*Jake's Gift* runs June 23, 24, and 25. See www.highlandssummerfestival.on.ca for details.

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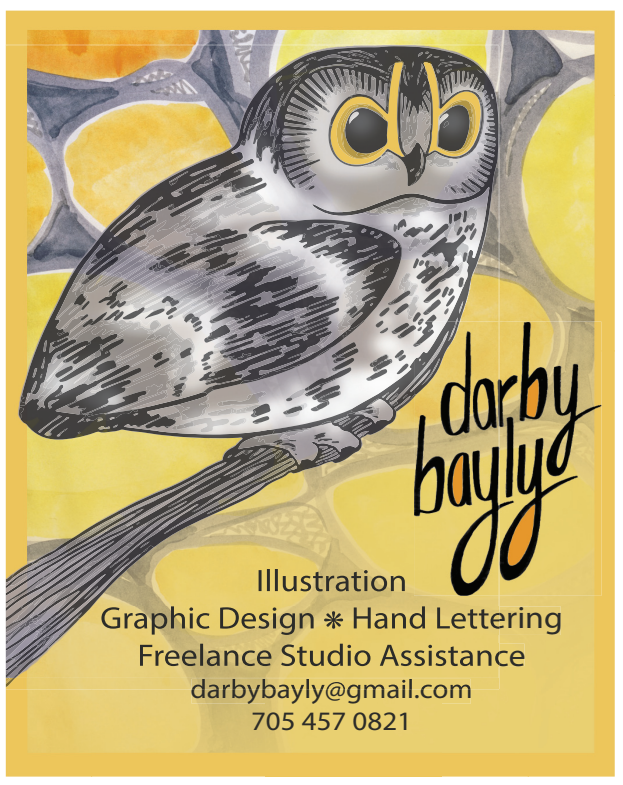

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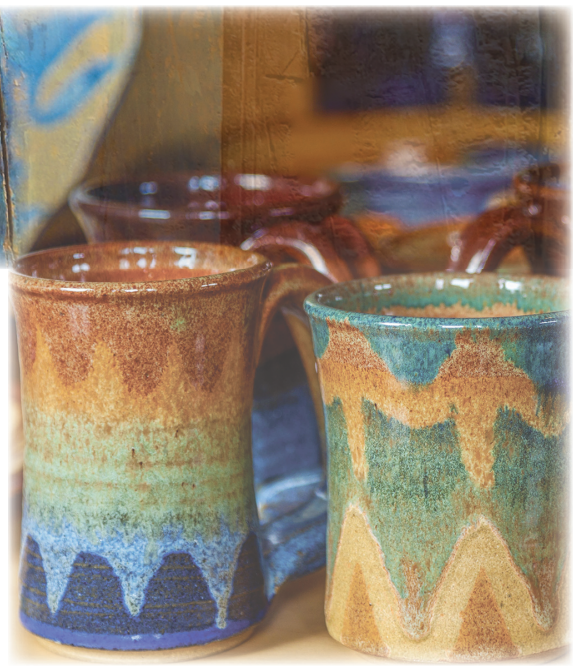

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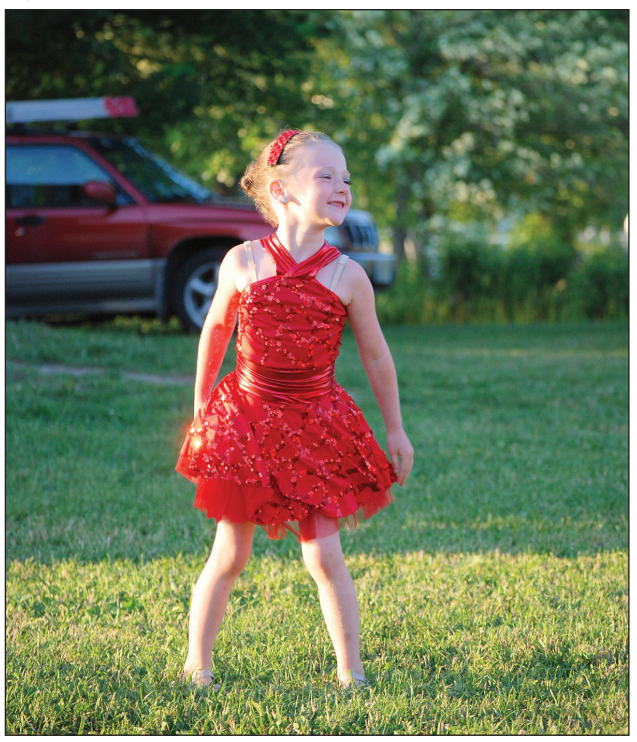
Dana McMahon whips up some cotton candy for Jackson Griffin, 12, at the Dysart 150 celebrations in Head Lake Park on Saturday, July 8.

Young dancers floated across the grass in front of the bandshell in between musical acts on Saturday, July 8, at Dysart's 150 celebrations. /JENN WATT Staff

Spencer Bowker, 11, demonstrates the Jetovator as part of Ski-Mazing Watersports' offerings during the Dysart 150 celebrations in Head Lake Park on July 8.



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# Boshkung Social gets people talking

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Water Street in Minden was abuzz even before Canada Day celebrations there began, when staff at Boshkung Brewing Co. were working hard to open their new location, Boshkung Social.

"It was madness for sure," said Scot Curry, venue manager. "Everything came together."

Builders from Mill House Design helped put the brewpub's patio together in time for Boshkung Social's Canada Day opening, and that patio has been packed ever since.

"It's been very steady," said Curry. "The community has really supported us and it was very busy on opening weekend."

The crowds didn't stay away after the long weekend, with the space often being filled from the afternoon on throughout the week.

Curry said the Boshkung team changed gears on the concept, creating a brewpub from what was originally going to be a brewery but for space at the old location of the Beer Store.

"The original plan was that we were going to open a full-service manufacturing facility there," said Terri Mathews-Carl, who owns Boshkung Brewing Co. with her husband Christoph. "Realistically when it came down to it, there just isn't the space for the system we envisioned."

Instead, the Boshkung Brewing Co. team created the downtown brewpub that has fully-accessible indoor and outdoor space. The business now offers everything from merchandise to pints and cans of Boshkung Brewing Co. craft beer and rotating shared favourites from other craft breweries including Haliburton Highlands Brewing, as well as cocktails, VQA wines and Ontario cider. Catered food from Rhubarb restaurant is on offer, and though takeaway cans aren't available, they can be purchased at the neighbouring LCBO or the nearby Beer Store. Growlers can also be purchased at the flagship Carnarvon location.

Boshkung Social, the Minden location of the Boshkung Brewing Co. has indoor space as well as a patio for patrons to buy craft beer, cider, wine, cocktails and food catered by Rhubarb. /SUE TIFFIN Staff

Mathews-Carl said they'll continue looking in the area for a bigger space for a full-service facility, but that the Minden location is there to stay, opening on weekends from Thursday to Sunday throughout the winter months. Live music afternoons have begun, and board game nights as well as Tuesday night Canoe Bingo gatherings are being planned.

"Now that we have some time to breathe, we'll be figuring out some fun things to do," said Curry.

Staff at the second location largely comes from the original Carnarvon brewery, so they're familiar to returning guests, and Mathews-Carl also noted the fun atmosphere of the space itself.

"It's a really relaxed, fun atmosphere to get a bite to eat and a few drinks," she said.

She said the spot next to the Gull River allows guests to watch swimmers and paddlers floating through the water, and also that many people have noticed the wall murals, saved after the sale of the Beer Store, on the building for the first time.

"They're fantastic," she said. "People really enjoy looking at them."

Boshkung Social, Boshkung Brewing Co.'s Minden location at 20 Water Street, is open from 11:30 a.m. to 8 p.m. from Sunday to Wednesday, and from 11:30 a.m. to 11 p.m. from Thursday to Saturday. Guests can call ahead at 705-489-4554 or visit the website at boshkungbrewing.com for more details.

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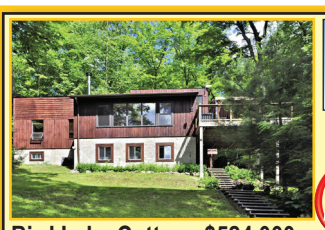

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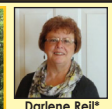

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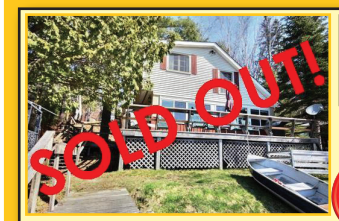


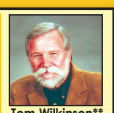

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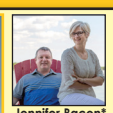

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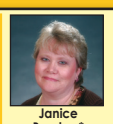

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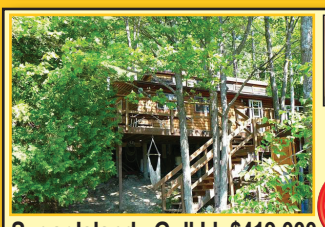

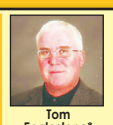

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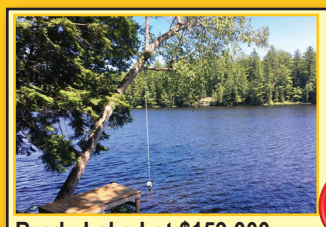

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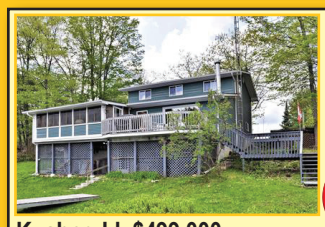

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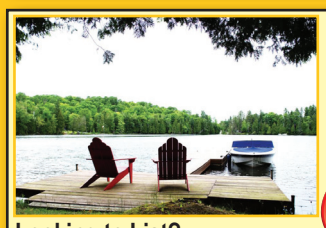

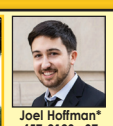

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# Twilight through the eyes of a young artist

Shannon Munro enjoys painting murals on the doors of the residents' quarters at Hyland Crest in Minden. /GEORGE FARRELL Special to County Life

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For those people in our long-term care facilities who are in their twilight years, works of art can help to brighten up a day. That is the sentiment that Shannon Munro took to Hyland Crest in Minden, where she was commissioned to paint murals on two sets of doors, in the residents' quarters.

Munro got the commission through the Haliburton School of Art and Design, where, for the last couple of years, she has been taking courses such as jewelery, sustainable building, movie making and ceramics. Munro, who came to the Highlands from B.C. specifically to attend the school, is dedicated to the arts. "I've been painting all my life," she said, "portraits, animals; it runs in the family."

For her mural on the ground floor doors at Hyland Crest Munro settled on a dream-like, twilight landscape, with a crescent moon, and twinkling stars peeking through clouds, over a still lake. "I took this interpretation from out my bedroom window in Haliburton, and I wanted to bring the image to Hyland Crest to share with the residents," she explained.

For a young woman, Munro is surprisingly knowledgeable on the lives of aging people, especially those with Alzheimer's/dementia. "My grandmother, Jean, had Alzheimer's and I think of her as I paint the doors at Hyland Crest, because I know she would have really appreciated the paintings," Munro said.

After she's finished at Hyland Crest, Munro will start to paint a set of double doors at Highland Wood, the similar facility in Haliburton. Although there is art on the walls in both places, there's nothing like Munro's doors at Hyland Crest, which are geared to brighten up the areas around the nurse's stations, where the residents congregate.

In contrast to the ground floor twilight mural, the doors on the lower level at Hyland Crest reflect a sunny, daylight theme, which features a hummingbird. One of the staff at the facility told Munro that hummingbirds migrate as far as Mexico, which she didn't know; so Munro decided to adorn her hummingbird with a sombrero. She's an artist with a sense of humour.

But Munro is industrious as well. She's working part time at the beer store in Haliburton and also full time as a summer student at the Rails End Gallery. On Mondays the gallery is closed, so Munro is able to work on her Hyland Crest murals on Sunday evenings. She starts at 8 p.m. when most residents are going to bed, and works through the night until 6:30 in the morning.

Munro, who will be returning to B.C. said she'll always fondly remember her time spent at Hyland Crest. "It's taught me a lot about working with acrylics, because I usually paint with oils. But I'd like to thank Hyland Crest for this opportunity, the nurses and staff for their kind words and numerous cups of coffee. And I'd like to thank the residents for their interest and ideas, and I hope my murals have enhanced the quality of their life a little bit."

> *I've been painting all my life, portraits, animals; it runs in the family.*
>
> — Shannon Munro

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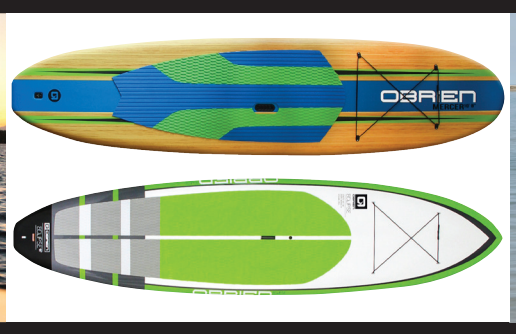

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# Community Events

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## Upcoming Events

**Join the Country Hot Flashes & Guests at EvenSong - for a wonderful evening of music by the lake**
When: Friday, July 21st 6:30 - Dusk
Where: Twelve Mile Lake Historical Church(corner of Omagaki & Chambers Rd just south of Carnarvon).
Free admission. Bring family and friends and remember your lawn chair.
Proceeds support the preservation of this beautiful little heritage church.

**Avery Raquel and Band**
When: Saturday, July 22, 7:30 p.m.
Where: Haliburton Highlands Museum, 66 Museum Rd., Haliburton
Part of Jazz at the Museum annual event. Tickets $30 for sale at the museum or Canoe FM.

**100 WOMEN WHO CARE - SUMMER MEETING**
When: Wednesday, July 26, 6:30-8:00pm
Where: Dominion Hotel, Bobcaygeon Road, Minden
We are 100 WOMEN WHO CARE- we meet for 1 hour, 3 times a year. We raise money for local charities in our county. In just two hours we have already raised $7,400 for Food for Kids and our local Food Bank. If you are a woman who cares - come to our meeting and see how we do it. ITS AWESOME!

**HALIBURTON: Sexual Health Clinic**
When: , Wednesday, July 26, 10:30 am to 12:30 pm.
The clinic provides clients with confidential access to cervical screening, low-cost birth control, pregnancy testing and sexual health teaching. Testing and treatment of sexually transmitted infections are also provided. For more information, locations or to make an appointment, call the Health Unit at 1-866-888-4577, ext. 2205.

**Haliburton Highlands Land Trust "Tee Up for the Trust" Golf Tournament**
When: Thursday July 27
Where: Pinestone Resort and Conference Centre
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**Attracting Birds to your Back Yard**
When: Aug 1, 2017, 7pm-9pm
Where: Minden Community Centre
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Contact: mindenhorticulturalsociety.ca

**Community Yard Sale - Hunter Creek Estates**
(5 mins. South of Minden, off Hwy 35)
When: Sat. Aug. 5th, 8am to 12pm
Watch for the signs

**Garden Celebrations … more than just flowers**
When: August 11, 7-9pm, August 12, 10am-4pm
Where: Minden Community Centre
The Minden and District Horticultural Society welcomes you to join us at our annual Garden Show. This year's theme is Garden Celebrations … more than just flowers. Join us in celebrating Canada's 150th. Visit our land of flowers, specimens, decoratives, collections, potted plants and vegetables, featured along with photography and our junior entries.
Contact: mindenhorticulturalsociety.ca

**Kinmount Family Funfest**
When: Sat. Aug. 12, 2017
4 pm – 9 pm
Free Downtown Street Party!

## Recurring Events

**LINE DANCING**
When: Wednesdays from 9:30am-11:30am
Where: AJ Larue Arena, Haliburton, Second Floor
Have fun and exercise line dancing with us every Wednesday morning.
Beginners always welcomed!
Cost: $3.00 per class
Contact: Chalene Smith, 705-457-3985 Drop-in Basketball
When: Wednesdays and Fridays
July 12 – August 18, 5:00 – 7:00 pm
Where: Haliburton Highlands Secondary School Athletic Complex
Basketball enthusiast Gordon Cochrane is volunteering his time to host pick-up basketball skills this summer to youth ages 11 – 18. Fundamentals will be emphasized, including dribbling, shooting, passing, blocking, etc. There will also be scrimmaging of 1 on 1, 2 on 2, 5 on 5 etc.
This is a great way to have some fun and get exercise.
Contact: Andrea Mueller, Recreation Program Coordinator, mueller@dysartetal.ca or 705-457-1740 x. 35 or Gord Cochrane, gordonac@comcast.net or 705-754- 4980

**Haliburton County Farmers Market**
Where: Haliburton - Head Lake Park
When: Tuesday (May 23 - Oct 3)
Time: 12 - 4pm
Contact information: incredibleHCFMA@gmail.com / 705-306-0523
Description: Farmers Market offering local seasonal produce, meats, cheese, baked goods, preserves, prepared foods and hand-crafted artisan items.

**Haliburton County Farmers Market**
Where: Minden - Parking lot of the Municipal Buildings
When: Saturday (May 20 - Oct 7)
Time: 10 - 2pm
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**Youth Program**
Minden has a Youth Program!! Students in grades 8 and up are invited to supper and program every Thursday night from 5:45 to 8:00 pm.
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Where: Minden Bible Church-Bobcaygeon Road
Information: teresa@youthunlimitedkaw.com or 705-887-3625

**Pickleball**
When: Monday and Wednesday mornings from 9:00am-12:00pm.
Where: SG Nesbitt Community Centre, Minden
Racquets are provided so all you need are clean indoor shoes. Cost is $2.00
Contact: Elisha Weiss, Community Development Coordinator, 705-286-2298 or eweiss@mindenhills.ca

**Pick up Ball Hockey**
When: Tuesday evenings. 7:00pm-9:00pm from June 28th - August 16th . ADULTS ONLY
Wednesday evenings. 6:00pm-7:00pm from June 29th to August 17th. AGES 8-13
7:00pm-8:00pm from June 29th to August 17th. AGES 14-17
Where: SG Nesbitt Memorial Arena, 55 Parkside Street, Minden
Cost is $2 per person/per session. Proper protective equipment required.
Contact: Elisha Weiss, Community Development Coordinator, 705-286-2298 or eweiss@mindenhills.ca

**Rails End Community Drum Circle**
every Wednesday 6:30 - 8 pm
Rails End Gallery and Arts Centre
23 York St, in Haliburton's landmark rail station

## Legion Events

**Branch 624, Wilberforce**
**Friday** Spaghetti Dinner 5:00pm - 7:00pm
**Saturday** Meat Draw 2:00 pm
Early bird 3pm SHARP
19th Annual Golf Tournament
Bancroft Golf Course 10:00am
**Monday** Bid Euchre 7:00pm come out and learn. Beginners welcome
**Wednesday** Fun Darts 7:30pm

**Branch 129, Haliburton**
Dave Allen, PRO 705-457-2571
**Mondays**: Bridge every Monday at 1pm
**Tuesdays**: Tuesday Night Dart League starting at 7pm
**Wednesdays**: Bid Euchre 1 pm start
Bingo Doors open at 6 pm, Bingo starts at 7 pm - $500 Jackpot, $1000 Jackpot - last Wednesday of the month and every Wed. in July & August.
**Thursdays**: General Meeting 3rd Thursday of the month starting at 7pm. All members urged to attend Ladies Auxiliary Last Thursday of the month at 1 pm
**Fridays**: Meat Draw Five Draws, Five Prizes each draw, First draw at 4:30 pm, Last draw at 6:30 pm, Tickets are $2 per draw. Chester Howse, MC
Friday fun darts - 4:30pm onwards
**Saturdays**: 50/50 Draw 4 pm draw, Tickets are $1 each from noon onwards
**Sundays**: Breakfast Second and fourth Sunday of the month – 9:30 am – 1 pm. $6 per person. Occasional volunteers are needed.
Whether you're planning a function for 10 or 200, for more information call the Legion today at **(705) 457- 2571**, email **rcl129@bellnet.ca** or visit **haliburtonlegion.com** Come on out and support Haliburton Legion Branch 129... everyone is welcome!

**Branch 636, Minden 705-286-4541**
**Ladies Darts,** Wednesday, 1-4 p.m.
**Bid Euchre,** Tuesday, 1 p.m.
**Euchre,** Thursday, 7 p.m.
**Fish/Wings & Chips,** Friday, 12-2 p.m. and 5-7 p.m.
**Mixed darts,** Friday 7:30 p.m.
**Big euchre,** first Sunday of the month (except holidays), noon, $12
**Sports Fan Day,** Sunday, 12-4 p.m.
**Lunch menu,** Monday – Friday, 12-2 p.m.
**Liver lover's special,** Tuesday 12-2 p.m. (full menu also)
**Meat Draw,** Wednesday lunch time.
**Upcoming Events:** Please listen to local radio regarding our special Saturday events.

**Branch 441 Kinmount**
PRO Raquel Linton 705-488-3191
**Mondays:** Seniors cards, pot luck lunch 1230 followed by Bid Euchre Family Fun Bingo 630pm Children&AdultfunandAllwelcome!
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# Art on the Dock helps fund artists in the schools

Art on the Dock, the Kennisis Lake Cottage Owners' Association's third annual studio tour on the Kennisis Lakes – raised $4,200 the weekend of July 8 and 9 for the Arts Council Haliburton Highlands' Artists in the Schools program. (In its first year, Art on the Dock raised $1,300 and last year, it raised $2,900.)

Friday evening's thunder and hail storm left trees down and hydro wires across roads so unfortunately several exhibitors were left without power for the weekend and one lost a dock in the storm, but all found ways to continue with their displays. Both Saturday and Sunday brought sunny weather, so visitors were able to visit by boat and car.

The exhibiting artists all made contributions to the Artists in the Schools program. Visitors contributed to toonie jars at the various exhibitor locations. And many of the artists donated examples of their work that were sold in a silent auction at the KLCOA's Ladies of the Lake Luncheon on Saturday, July 1.

This year, Wilf McOstrich, who has exhibited for all three years, donated a whimsical painting of a moose paddling home a newly purchased painting, which was featured on T-shirts and limited edition prints, with proceeds also going to the Artists in the Schools program. This new initiative was a major contributor to the increase in the Kennisis contribution. (A limited number of T-shirts and limited edition prints are still available by contacting klcoa-president@outlook.com.)

Lead organizer (and KLCOA director) Cathy Whittaker said, "The Artists in the Schools program is a wonderful way to bring the joy of art and dance to the elementary school classroom at a time when government funding for these activities is constrained. With Art on the Dock, we enjoy a wonderful event on the lake and have the opportunity to give back to the Haliburton community. We thank our sponsors, Parker Pad and Printing and Viper Marketing, and all the exhibitors who contributed their creations and made donations to support this important local initiative."

Arts Council Haliburton Highlands representative Kate Butler, said "On behalf of the Arts Council Haliburton Highlands, I'd like to express our gratitude to the Kennisis Lake Cottage Owners' Association and its members for their longstanding support of the Artists in the Schools Program. We greatly appreciate the amazing generosity of the artists of the Kennisis Lake community, as well as all of the wonderful sponsors who help to make Art on the Dock a success every year. In particular, I would like to mention the dedicated and tireless work of the lead organizer of this fantastic event, Cathy Whittaker - it simply wouldn't happen without her. Contributions from Art on the Dock help to ensure that every year the Artists in the Schools Program can grow and bring hugely beneficial experiences in the arts to larger and larger numbers of students throughout Haliburton County."

Visitors could enter their ballot in prize draws to win beautiful pieces donated by participating artists.

The winner Ray Dugan's framed original watercolour painting, Kennisis Afterglow, for those visiting more than 15 exhibitor locations was Bob Nunn.

The winner of Wilf McOstrich's framed original watercolour painting, You've Got Mail, (for those visiting more than 10 exhibitor locations) was Leslie Clark.

The winner of Ian Ball's framed original watercolour of a maple leaf (for those visiting more than five exhibitor locations) was Ellie Long.

*Submitted by Tayce Wakefield*


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Cathy Whittaker of the KLCOA board of directors, presents a cheque to Kate Butler, chair of Arts Council – Haliburton Highlands. /Submitted

Judy Bartlett, seen here with her painting titled *Beginnings*, is from Bobcaygeon where she has a home studio. She's returning to her sister-in-law Lea's house for her second year of Art on the Dock, which is the only place that she currently sells her work. Bartlett says her painting process is "intuitive." She starts with a colour and from there the paint makes suggestions about what to next. /ROBERT MACKENZIE Staff


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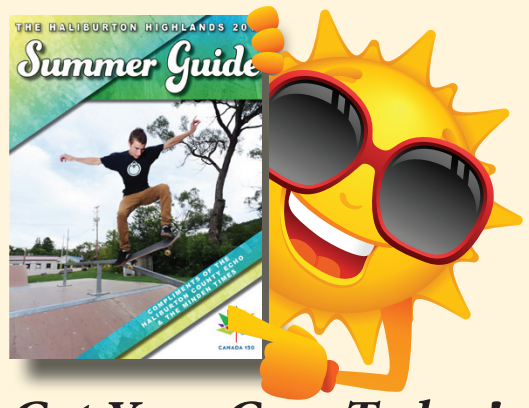


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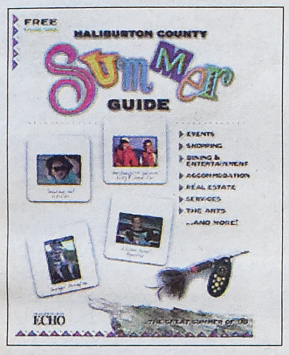


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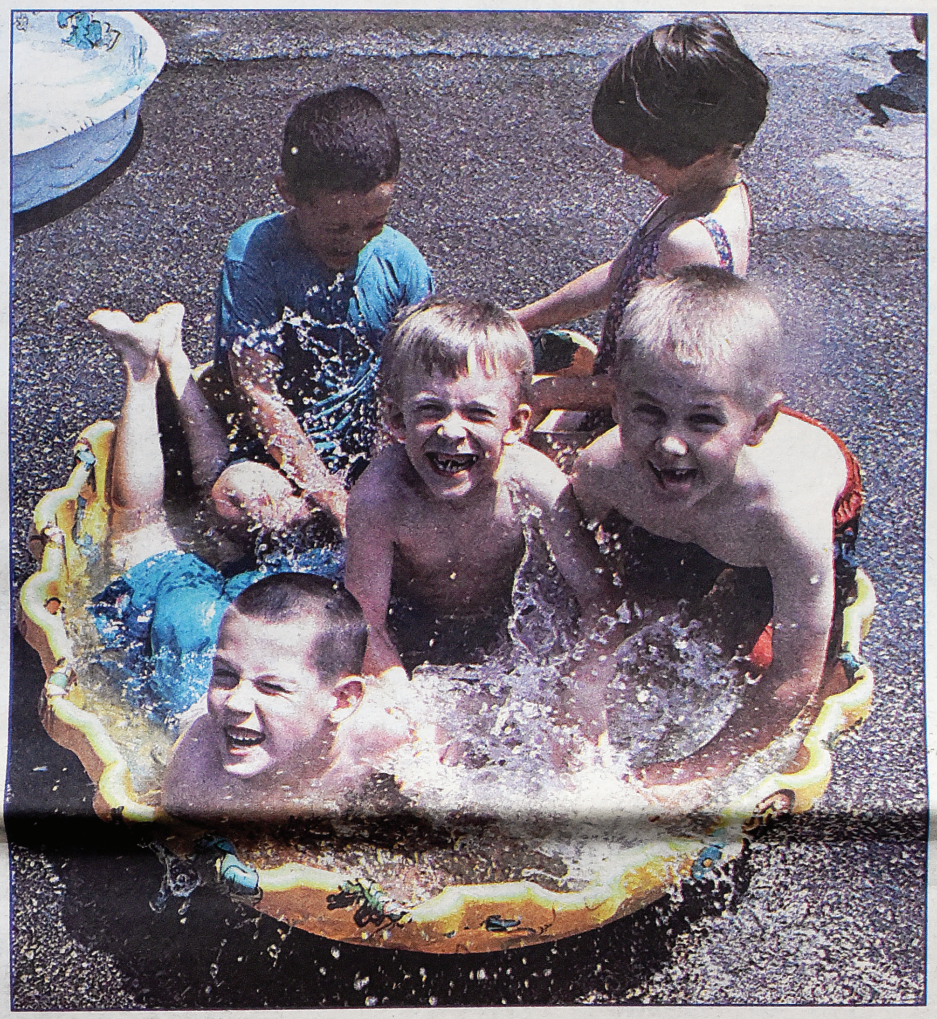

**LIFE'S A BEACH:** To help get rid of some of that end-of-school energy and celebrate summer's imminent arrival, the kindergarten and Gr. 1 students at Archie Stouffer Elementary School held a Water Day. More photos page 20.

# Lake levels already much lower than usual, making it hard on boaters

**PETER DOWNS**
*Staff Reporter*

Despite a welcome reprieve of intermittent rain last week, many area lakes are still far below their normal levels for this time of year.

The serious flooding that got spring in the Highlands off to a soggy start is a quickly fading memory as cottage docks climb higher out of the water.

Boating near trouble spots has also become more treacherous as rocks and shoals lay closer to the surface ready to shear propellers or mangle lower units of engines.

Unusually dry conditions early in the season have sped up the decline of lake levels by about a month.

"Already in May it was acting like June and now in June it's like July so everything's getting ahead," said Bruce Kitchen, water control engineer at the Trent-Severn Waterway.

Kitchen said the TSW hasn't drawn heavily from its reservoir lakes in the Highlands in an attempt slow their dropping levels.

As of June 15, area lakes had dropped to an average of roughly 84 per cent of their capacity, which is about eight per cent lower than usual.

Lake levels in the county typically decline by 3.5 per cent per week through the summer. But the recent dry weather has increased the drop to five per cent some weeks.

Fortunately, some much needed rain over the past two weeks helped counter the decline. Last week area lakes dropped by an average of just one per cent, said Kitchen.

But only a lot more rain will return the lakes to their normal levels.

"Everything's so far ahead with the summer coming early that it's thrown everything out of whack," said Steve Howard, a mechanic at Kennisis Lake

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*Sculptures let people know Haliburton County is...*
# Where it's Art

**MARTHA PERKINS**
*Editor*

A silhouette of a man using a pole to push a log towards the ghost of one of the old sawmills that stood on the shores of Head Lake.

A metal tree growing out of a huge boulder on the shaded banks of the Gull River.

An assemblage of huge saw blades artistically framing the even larger water wheel that used to power Hunter's mill, all for the travelling eye to see at the main intersection in Gooderham.

And what about a little boy fishing with his dog by his side at West Guilford's Pine Lake? Or perhaps a school of stone fish swimming to shore?

Welcome to the Haliburton Highlands – where it's art.

Two of the six sculptures which will welcome visitors to the Highlands have already been commissioned and after a well-attended meeting in Gooderham on Friday night, a third one using historical implements donated by Hunter's mill is also well underway.

A recent meeting to discuss the possibilities in West Guilford was attended by only two people from the community, but the fish idea really caught on in the imagination of the project's co-ordinator, artist John Leonard.

"The idea is that the initial concept will come from the community," says Leonard, who has already held a series of meetings in Haliburton and

*See* **Welcoming** *page 4*

## *Evelyn Brown officially the director*

**PETER DOWNS**
*Staff Reporter*

After spending $27,000 to search for its first permanent director, the Trillium Lakelands School Board has given the job to the person filling the position on an acting basis since January.

Despite criticism of the expenditure, the board's chairwoman says trustees needed a hiring consultant to help them locate suitable candidates for the position.

"The board's mandate was to select the best person for the job and the only way to do that was to have a hiring process," said Cheryl Murdoch, Haliburton County's representative on the nine-trustee board.

As they trimmed down the list of candidates during the four-month process, Murdoch said trustees became convinced the person who would best

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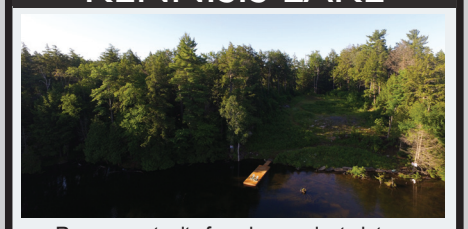
## KENNISIS LAKE



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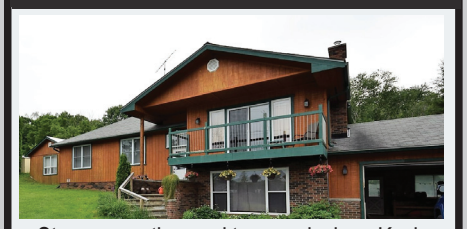

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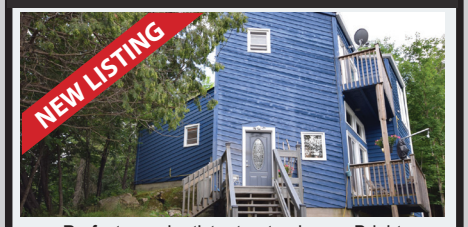


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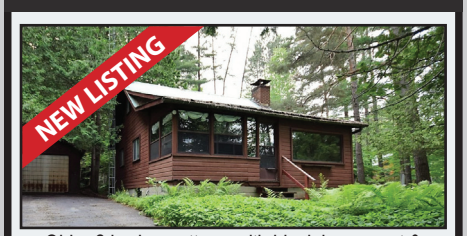


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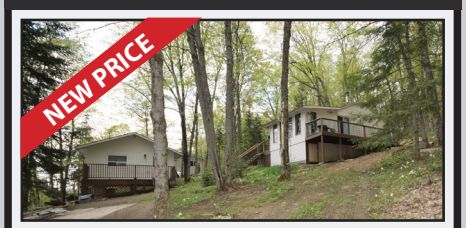


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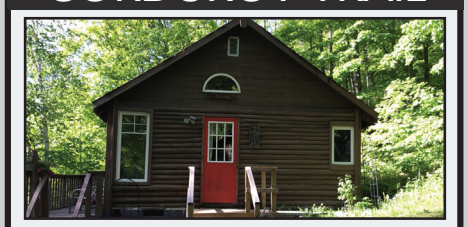


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